

FEATURED PRESENTERS



Kiran Arora

Title: *The Confluence of Therapy, Culture, and Healing Practices*

Short: Family therapists must be culturally sensitive in order to work with diverse populations. Discourses about problems, therapy and healing practices are embedded in cultural beliefs. We will use extracts from films, podcasts and experiential exercises to bring alive this fascinating subject about the confluence of therapy, culture, and healing practices.



Rennee Singhs



Dean Busby and Jonathan Sandberg

Title: *What every therapist should know about attachment behaviors in couple relationships*

Short: The purpose of this presentation is to help family therapists learn how to measure and use attachment behaviors in their work with couples. We will use both recent research and clinical examples to describe why focusing on attachment behaviors can be so helpful.



Suzanne Hanna

Title: *Bullying and the Transparent Brain: Constructing Circuits of Biosocial Healing*

Short: Bullying is physiological and social trauma with developmental consequences, regardless of victim's age. This presentation describes the neurobiology of victims and their liberation. Healing emphasizes family/social involvement that rewires brains, providing a blueprint for growth. Clinicians leverage these resources for brain-informed, family-involved transformations.



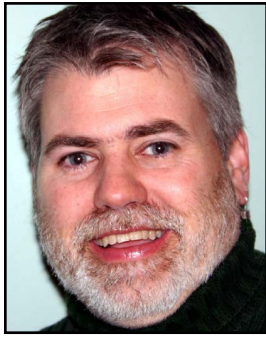
Marlene Watson

Title: *The Cross-Racial Therapeutic Relationship: Genuine or Fantasy*

Short: Genuine cross-racial relationships, particularly black-white relationships, may be overshadowed by relational fractures and injustices stemming from slavery and insidious racism. This presentation explores the impact of white supremacy and the legacy of slavery on the cross-racial therapeutic relationship.



Argie J. Allen-Wilson



William Northey

Title: *You Want to Bring Who? Utilizing Family Strengths to Enhance Substance Abuse Treatment*

Short: This interactive session will focus on ways that families can be engaged in substance abuse treatment, which can range from providing information to families to utilizing interventions shown to decrease the problematic use of substances. Opportunities for case consultation and a discussion of challenges when engaging families will be included.



Warwick Phipps

Title: *How to do an Interactional Pattern Analysis: Truly Relational Diagnosis*

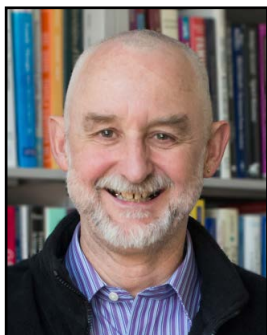
Short: This presentation explains how to do an interactional pattern analysis, a truly relational diagnostic approach. Following a person-centered interview, the patterns of interaction are described along 15 dimensions and then linked with the presenting problem/s. An integrative treatment plan targets these dysfunctional interactional patterns to effect rapid resolution.



Desiree Seponski

Title: *Reflections of MFTs' Experiences in Recruiting Minority Clients*

Short: This poster presentation discusses emerging qualitative findings on the experiences of MFT Master's students (N = 22) in recruiting minority clients. Participant noted developing and increasing their knowledge of ethnic recruiting and confronting emotional barriers and biases. Suggestions for future research and implications for therapy are outlined.



Volker Thomas

Title: *Filial Therapy with at-Risk Children in Turkey and the USA*

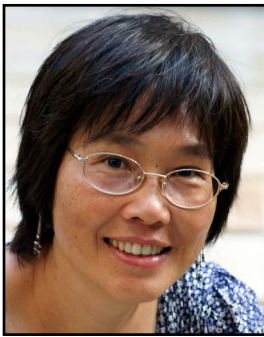
Short: This session presents an evidence-based approach to working with at-risk children and their families using Filial Therapy and Structural Family Therapy principles to improve child behavior and the parent-child relationship. Research and clinical experiences from Turkey and the USA will be offered.



Daniel Stillwell

Title: *MFT Spiritual Competency*

Short: This brief presentation is on the results of 573 LMFTs from 32 different US states regarding how well they meet the spiritual needs of their clients and determining which factors contribute to this. Clinically and educationally useful information will be presented from the results as well as potential international considerations.”



Joyce Ma

Title: *Paternal and maternal experiences in caring for children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder in a Chinese context: Implications for family therapy.*



Martine Nisse

Title: *Change the broad lines: How create a new atmosphere to work with incestuous families*

Short: Paradoxical therapeutic obligation coming from juvenil courts involves both families and therapists in new instigation play. Even these paradox, we observe that change processes is intense and rapid. We will explain how we manage our particular therapeutic atmosphere necessary to create a new family model of communication.



Diane Gehart

Title: *Mindfulness and Acceptance with Children and Families*

Short: Mindfulness skills are used increasingly in therapy to enhance the wellbeing of a wide range of clients. This presentation will explore possibilities of using mindfulness and related Buddhist psychology principles with children, teens, and families, including a review of the evidence base and specific interventions for families.